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FOR STATE/AID

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: RICE SITUATION

1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE RICE SUPPLY/DISTRIBUTION SITUATION IN
PHNOM PENH FOR THE ONE-WEEK PERIOD FEBRUARY 25 THROUGH MARCH 3.
ROUTES 4AND 5 ARE OMITTED SINCE BOTH WERE CLOSED DURING THE
REPORTING PERIOD

FEB. 25 *3? 26 FEB. 27 FEB. 28

BEGINNING STOCK 28507.7 27730.5 27041.8 26319.8

MEKONG 8514.6

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TOTAL AVAILABLE 28507.7 27730.5 27041.8 34834.4

LESS DISTRIBUTION	687.8	229.0	690.1	735.1
BALANCE	27819.9	27101.5	26351.7	34099.3
ADJUSTMENT	(-)89.4	(-)59.7	(-)31.9	(-)22.1
BALANCE	27730.5	27041.8	26319.8	34077.2

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BEGINNING STOCK	34077.2	33280.8	32661.9
MEKONG	-	-	-
TOTAL AVAILABLE	34077.2	33280.8	32661.9
LESS DISTRIBUTION	661.6	611.2	-
BALANCE	33415.6	32669.6	32661.9
ADJUSTMENT	(-)134.8	(-)7.7	
BALANCE	33280.8	32661.9	

2. STOCK POSITION. AT COB MARCH 3 RICE STOCKS IN PHNOM PENH WERE 32,661.9 M/T OR A 50.2 DAYS SUPPLY AT 650 M/T PER DAY.

3. DISTRIBUTION. AVERAGE DAILY DISTRIBUTION DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD WAS 573.5 M/T. AVERAGE FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY WAS 570.0 M/T.

4. ARRIVALS. ONE CONVOY ARRIVED ON FEBRUARY 28 WITH 8,514.6 M:T. THE NEXT ARRIVAL IS EXPECTED ON MARCH 8.

5. WITH ATTEMPTS TO MOVE LARGE CONVOYS UP THE MEKONG, IT IS APPARENT THAT THE PROBLEM OF CONTROL IS INCREASING. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMALLY ADVISED THAT VIETNAMESE CUSTOMS OFFICIALS WERE UNABLE TO PROCESS ALL OF THE SMALLER VESSELS WHICH ARE NOW SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN THE NEXT CONVOY. WE ANTICIPATE THAT SUCH PROBLEMS WILL BE OVERCOME; HOWEVER, AND THAT CLOSE TO 40,000 M/T OF RICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN MARCH.

6. THE NATIONAL RICE COMMITTEE CONTINUES TO MONITOR THE REQUIREMENTS OF NEWLY ARRIVED REFUGEE POPULATION FLEEING FROM COMMUNIST-HELD AREAS AND HAS THUS FAR RESPONDED PROMPTLY TO ALL CASES OF URGENT NEED.

7. THE SUPPLY OF RICE IN UTAPAO IS EXPECTED TO BE EXHAUSTED BY MARCH 6. WHILE WE ARE PLANNING ON A GKR CONTRACT WITH A PRIVATE CONFIDENTIAL

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AIRLINE TO CARRY ON THE AIR DROPS TO TAKEO AND PREY VENG, INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS TO CONTINUE THE UTAPAO OPERATION ARE UNDER PREPARATION.

8. CORRECTION: PREVIOUS REPORT (PHNOM PENH 3068) STOCK POSITION SHOULD READ "AT COB FEBRUARY 24 RICE STOCKS IN PHNOM PENH WERE 28,507.7 M/T OR A 43.8 DAYS SUPPLY AT 650 M/T PER DAY.

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